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Roberts to Help Buller Squeeze the Boers (In Biggarsberg Passes.

Plumer's Expedition Fails and Mafeking Must Rely on Kimberley Force.

London, March 24.—(4:15 a.m.)—Lord Roberts' main army continues to wait in Bloemfontein. The sensational interest in the fate of Mafeking has intensified with Col. Plumer's forced retirement to Crocodile Pools, where he was two months ago. Relief from the North now dwindles to improbability.

Lord Methuen is skirmishing with the Boers at Warrenton, 16 miles away. Although seemingly in force sufficient to do pretty much as he likes, he has not advanced these five days. It is hoped that his military administration has a pleasant surprise in preparation for the Britishers by raising the siege with a strong column of cavalry and artillery detouring to Mafeking, while Commandant Symon is drawn off to engage Col. Plumer.

Gen. French's cavalry and mounted infantry it is rumored, are fighting somewhat east of Bloemfontein. This suggests more Boer bad news, as Commandant Oliver's command, with two thousand wagons, is reported on the Basutoland frontier, towards Koonstadt via Ladybrand. This enormous wagon train is supposed to be moving twenty miles a day. Gen. French's cavalry posts stretch from Bloemfontein eastward to the mountains.

Gen. Buller has not yet moved in Natal. The Eighth Division will go direct to Bloemfontein.

Lord Roberts' effective disposable at the front ten days hence will be, it is estimated, 70,000 men with easy possibility of moving eastward, forcing the Boers to evacuate the Biggarsberg range, and joining hands with General Buller, before continuing the promenade to Pretoria.

The Delagoa Bay railway arbitration award, is editorially considered in the morning papers. The approaching declaration of the finding of the arbitration is welcomed as coming at an appropriate moment and is bringing the acquisition of Delagoa Bay appreciably nearer.

OBITUARY.

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 23.—Hon. Sherman S. Rogers, a prominent lawyer of Buffalo, N. Y., died at the residence of his son, R. Cameron Rogers, the well known poet, at one o'clock this afternoon of cerebral meningitis. Mr. Rogers was the senior member of the law firm of Rogers, Locke & Mills.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 23.—Captain Thomas Wilson, president of the Central National Bank of this city, and a widely known vessel owner, is dead. A private cablegram received to-day from Jerusalem announced that Mr. Wilson had died there of pneumonia. He left Cleveland several weeks ago for an extended trip abroad.

THE SEDITIOUS PLACARDS.

Chinese Reformers Say That They Were Posted by Their Enemies.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 23.—W. A. Cumyoun, one of the chief organizers of the Chinese reform movement in British Columbia, has the following to say regarding the statement that the Chinese convention held in Victoria was responsible for posting placards in Chinese, referring in disparaging terms to foreign nations: "In the first place, Chinese reformers object to the expression barbarians most strongly as applied to foreigners in China. In fact the reform movement is to adopt the systems of government education and everything that is good and tends to elevate, that are now in operation by the very countries these foreign residents in China represent. As for the placards, they must have been posted by those not in sympathy with the reform movement, who, after posting them, notified the police. It stands to reason that if Chinese reformers in Victoria wished to rail against foreigners it would be absurd to do so by posted placards. In the convention not one word was spoken against foreigners, in fact all was said in their favor, especially Great Britain, who was recognized and spoken of as the leading nation in the world, whose systems are most worthy of adoption. As for no leading Chinese merchants belonging to the order in Victoria, the following names might be mentioned as members: President, Dong Tai, of Tai, Soong & Co.; vice-president, See Van, of Qung Wan Fung & Co.; committee: Chu Lai, of Wing, Chung & Co.; Lim Sam, of Hong, Lee & Co.; the three On Hing Brothers; Chu Chung, of Chu, Chung & Co.

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PLUMER'S DIFFICULTIES.

Boers Isolate His Command Near Gaberones—The Retreat of His Advanced Post.

London, March 24.—A despatch to the Daily News from Lorenzo Marques, dated Friday, says:

"It is reported here, from Pretoria, that Commandant Eloff is isolating Col. Plumer's force near Gaberones."

London, March 23.—(9:21 p.m.)—The war office has issued the following from the General at Capetown to the Secretary of War: The following telegram has arrived from Nicholson, Bulawayo, March 16:

"The following is from Plumer: Lobatsi, March 14.—The Boers advanced from the south in considerable force this morning. They advanced from Goodie's siding. After a sharp little engagement Lieut. Col. Bodle's advance post was compelled to retreat.

"The retirement was excellently carried out to our main position. The casualties included Lieut. Chapman and a corporal, prisoners, and two missing, probably prisoners. Five troopers were wounded. Chapman's horse fell with him close to the enemy, who immediately surrounded him. The exact Boer casualties are unknown, but several were shot at short range.

"In the afternoon the Boers advanced further north and shelled our position from a ridge on the left. Our twelve and a half pounder replied. The artillery duel continued until sunset. Lieut. A. J. Hiley has since died of wounds. One native was killed."

Seven Millions Of a Surplus.

Finance Minister Announces the Most Prosperous Year in History of Dominion.

Further Preference to British Goods—Canadian Securities as Trust Investments.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 23.—There were four announcements of interest in Mr. Fielding's budget speech to-day:

1. An offer of free interchange of products between Canada and Trinidad.
2. Machinery not manufactured in Canada for making beet root sugar to be free.
3. Canadian government securities to be listed in England so that they may be used as trust fund investments.
4. An increase in the preference to British goods from July 1st next from 25 to 33-1/3 per cent.

Mr. Fielding declared the past year the most prosperous in the history of Canada. He estimated that the surplus this year would be \$7,500,000. With the treasury overflowing the people had the right to ask some relief, therefore, it was proposed to grant it in the shape of a reduction of the duties on British goods.

The house sang "God save the Queen," at the close.

Col. Prior was told by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that no appointment has been made to the command of the Canadian militia.

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

Text of the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at Prorogation.

Quebec, March 23.—The legislature was prorogued to-day. The Lieutenant-Governor's speech was as follows:

"You have just completed the labors of a long session and I highly appreciate the zeal and diligence which you have displayed in the performance. I have sanctioned with great satisfaction the numerous and important acts that you have passed during the session.

"The necessary appropriations for the administration of public affairs have been liberally voted by you and my government will take the necessary steps to ensure their being expended with due economy and in accordance with their objects.

"In proroguing the legislature, in Her Majesty's name, I pray for the happiness and prosperity of yourselves and your families. May Divine Providence shower its gifts upon our province and cause peace and harmony to reign therein."

A WHOLESALE FLIGHT.

Warrenton, March 22.—The Boers have vacated Klip Dam and Windsortown is almost deserted. Their wives and families have fled with them. They sank the posts or ferry-boats at River-ton and Windsortown. The Vaal river can only be crossed by swim-aid. The country this side of the river is well patrolled by the British.

FIVE ROUNDS ENOUGH.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.—George Gibbs, of this city, knocked out Freddie Green, of Toledo, in the fifth round of what was to have been a twenty round bout, before the Business Men's Gymnasium to-night.

THEATRICAL REFORM.

New York, March 23.—The reform movement in theatrical matters has reached Jersey City. Manager George Sammis, of the Academy of Music, has been notified by police Capt. Cody that he will not permit the production next week at the Academy of Music, Jersey City, of "The Queen of the Boulevard," an adaptation of Dumas's novel "Sapho." The lessee of the Academy of Music is Charles Frohman. Mr. Sammis said the request would be obeyed without question.

All people who have teeth chew! though they don't all chew tobacco. Should you be one who does, try "Black Bass" Navy Chewing! It is a new brand and embodies all the old time excellences and other new ones peculiar to itself. It is splendid. "Black Bass" Navy Chewing Tobacco is Union made.

Rallying At Kroonstadt

Joubert Reported in Command and Ready for Desperate Resistance.

Steyn Issues Proclamation to Stay Burghers Trek Homeward.

While Rumor Makes the President Give Place to Military Committee.

Boer Camp, Kroonstadt, Thursday, March 22.—Affairs are being put in proper shape and the Free Staters who had to leave are returning in crowds. The commands are mobilizing in great numbers and the men are more determined than ever.

President Steyn has issued a proclamation in which he warns the burghers who lay down their arms and helped the enemy that they are liable to the utmost punishment as traitors.

London, March 24.—A Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Thursday, says: "A letter from Mr. Pulteney, an interpreter in the Free State courts, has been received by his wife here, in which the writer declares that General Joubert is commanding the combined forces at Kroonstadt, where there are plenty of men, guns and foodstuffs for a determined resistance."

Springfontein, March 23.—It is reported here that Mr. Steyn has been deposed from the Presidency and that the public affairs of the Free State are being administered by a committee at Kroonstadt.

WOULD ENLIST BOERS.

London Standard Suggests That Great Britain Utilise Their Genius for Military Service.

London, March 23.—The Standard in its principal editorial to-day indulges in the hope that many Boers may yet become British soldiers. It says:

"The Boers are proved to have a remarkable turn for soldiering and there must be many young Boers who will be reluctant to return to a dull pastoral life after the excitement of the campaign. If they are willing to adopt a military career we will find room for them in a safer and more satisfactory enterprise than armed rebellion. We may yet hope to see some future Cronje or Joubert leading British troops on the battlefield side by side with Generals of Irish, Canadian and Australian origin.

"Army commissions are being given to Australians. Similar privileges must be granted to the other colonies, including those of South Africa."

BOERS NOT WANTED.

Berlin Officials Uneasy at Prospect That They May Trek to German Territory.

Berlin, March 22.—In German colonial circles it is feared that after Great Britain annexes the Transvaal the Boers will trek into German Southwest Africa. Several newspapers have referred to this possibility during the last few days, intimating that the Boers are not wanted, inasmuch as undesirable conditions would arise in time through the inability of Germany to grant them the degree of self-government they would look for.

DANGER IN CHEMICALS.

Photographic Supply House Wrecked by a Terrible Explosion.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 22.—One person was killed and two seriously wounded and about a dozen others slightly injured by a terrific explosion of collodium, in the photographic supply establishment of Thomas, McColin & Co., this afternoon. The dead man is G. Herman Weiss, aged 26. The total damage to building and contents will reach about \$75,000, partly insured.

FIRING THE PLANTATIONS.

Natives of Barbadoes Becoming Poorer and Desperate.

Kingston, Jam., March 23.—Incendiarism continues at Barbadoes. There were nine plantation fires during the week which ended March 17.

The heavy decline in the revenue of Barbadoes is causing uneasiness among the authorities. The decline is attributable to the purchasing power of the people having fallen.

CANNON FOR THE BRITISH.

Vienna, March 23.—Deputies Wolf and Lemisch have telegraphed to the Premier, Dr. Von Koerber, demanding that he take steps to stop the exportation of forty-five cannon, which are said to have left the Skoda factory, Bohemia, on their way to Trieste, it being further alleged that they are intended for the use of the British forces in South Africa.

STOLE FROM PRIVATE BANK.

Brantford, Ont., March 23.—Arthur E. Laing, a young man charged with stealing sums of money amounting to \$1,800 from Lawrenson's private bank at St. George, pleaded guilty on advice of his counsel, Judge Hardy sentenced the prisoner to three years' imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary.

METHODIST CENTURY FUND.

Toronto, March 23.—Dr. Potts, reports that the Methodist Twentieth Century fund has reached \$643,852.50, being an increase for March of \$22,924.45.

Erne Champion Lightweight

Twelve Rounds Made an End of Gans' Pretension to the Title.

Men Had Agreed to Another Meeting—Winner Challenged by McFadden.

New York, March 23.—The fight contest for the light-weight championship drew an enormous crowd to the Broadway Athletic Club to-night.

Frank Erne, of Buffalo, retains the title which he won from Kid Lavigne at Cheektowaga, N.Y., last July in a 25-round bout. Erne is a clever two-handed boxer and so is Gans, but the former proved to be the better man to-night, as he punished Gans so badly that the Baltimore negro had to quit. Erne finished Gans with a left and a right-hand punch in the 12th round and Gans left the ring from his stool. He was absolutely helpless when referee Charlie White saw that the negro was unable to continue and stopped the fight, awarding the honors to Erne.

The preliminary bout lasted nine rounds. The contestants were Meyers, this city, and Frank Morton, of Buffalo. Morton put up a game fight, but was outclassed and therefore Charlie White stopped the bout in the ninth round to avoid a knock-out and gave Meyers the decision.

At 9:35 Erne climbed through the ropes. His seconds were Frank Zimpher, Joe Fitzpatrick and George Salter. Gans appeared about five minutes later and was accompanied by Al Herford, Harry Lyons and Caleb Bond.

Before the men were introduced it was announced that Geo. McFadden, of this city, would challenge the winner. The men agreed to have a return match no matter who won. Straight Queensberry rules governed the contest.

DELAGOA BAY AWARD

Arbitrators Decision Will Be Officially Announced on Monday.

London, March 23.—It is officially announced that the Delagoa Bay award will be given on Monday next, March 26.

New York, March 23.—According to a Washington despatch the government has been notified that the Delagoa Bay award decision will be announced in a few days, and that the Portuguese government believes the award will not be more than \$4,000,000, though the claimants expect it will be several millions more.

The Portuguese government have been collecting the necessary funds with which to satisfy the award as soon as it is rendered.

In this connection it is announced that Geo. W. Van Sickle, of this city, who is president of the American Council of the South African republics, has sent an official letter to the Portuguese minister at Washington offering to loan the government of Portugal the sum necessary to pay the Delagoa Bay award. While he admitted that the offer was made with the ultimate purpose of helping the Boers, Mr. Van Sickle said the money would be loaned to the Boers.

BOER TOLL-TAKERS.

A Suit Implicating Kruger and Several Leading Officials.

New York, March 23.—A criminal case which will attract the greatest interest in England and in all countries where the struggle between Great Britain and the Boers is exciting attention, will be heard on June 11, says a Brussels cable to the Herald. It is a trial which will put to the test the accusation of corruption brought by the English government against the Boer officials in general, and President Kruger in particular.

The parties concerned are the well-known financiers, Baron Oppenheimer, of the firm of Oppenheimer, Froese, Louis and Henry Warrant, Belgian barristers; M. Braconnot, a wealthy Belgian capitalist of Liège, and another Belgian, M. Terwagne, all of whom were associated some years as lessees of the Transvaal railway with the view to connect Komati Poort and Sekati.

The Transvaal government complains that by producing false accounts the company claimed from them an amount of interest largely in excess of the capital subscribed or required.

According to information given out, the company directors, who are being prosecuted on this charge, allege that they were compelled to make the charge higher in order to conceal the bribes which they had to pay President Kruger and his family, and most of the members of the Transvaal government, including some of the generals now engaged in the war.

MEZBLUEN AND HIS OFFICERS.
Talk of Quarrels Again Before Parliament, but No New Information.

London, March 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. John Gordon MacNeil, Irish Nationalist member for South Down, again showed an insatiable desire for information in regard to the battle of Magersfontein, and Lord Methuen's relations with his officers and affairs in Kimberley, but the parliamentary secretary of the war office, Mr. Geo. Wyndham, parried all questions.

The only positive answer given by Mr. Wyndham was to the effect that neither dum-dum or anything in the nature of expanding or explosive bullets had been used by British troops in South Africa.

GERMANY NOT MEDDLING.
Berlin, March 23.—A German government official authorized to speak on the subject told the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day that there was no justification whatever for the press statements here and elsewhere that Germany and the United States were making efforts on behalf of peace in South Africa.

KENTUCKY ASSASSINS.

Military Keep the Court During Trial of the Slayers of Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., March 23.—A squad of seventy extra police and deputy sheriffs guarded the outer entrance to the court while a file of soldiers stood at the doors and passed on the credentials of persons entering the room when the hearing of the men charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel was called to-day. The general public was excluded by an order of Judge Moore. Those admitted, however, soon filled the court on the second floor of the building. The Lexington and Winchester companies, armed with Winchester rifles, were stationed through various rooms. Not much more than ordinary crowds were on the streets, and there was no excitement.

Judge Moore convened court at 10 o'clock, when the prisoners, Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, W. H. Oulton and John Davis, were brought in to the court room. The commonwealth witnesses were called, numbering forty. County-Attorney Polsgrove announced that he was ready for the trial of the case.

The ex-Governor read the warrant against Powers, charging him with being an accessory to the murder of Wm. Goebel, and asked for the dismissal of the defendant on the ground that the warrant was fatally defective in not alleging that the crime was committed in Franklin county, and that it did not even show the offense to have been committed in Kentucky.

Judge Moore overruled the objection to the form of the warrant.

HIDING THEIR MAUSERS.

Free Staters Giving Only Obsolete Weapons in Token of Submission.

London, March 23.—A Springfield telegraph published in the second edition of the Times says: "The apparent submissive attitude of the Free Staters should be accepted with caution. The large proportion of obsolete, inferior weapons being turned in by them to the British is giving the impression that large stores of modern Mausers are being concealed."

MILNER'S MISSION.

High Commissioner's Trip in Connection With Extension of Martial Law.

Capetown, March 23.—It is understood that Sir Alfred Milner's mission northward is connected with the enforcement of martial law. He will use his personal influence towards the pacification of disaffected centres. The Cape ministry is loyally supporting him. Martial law is in response to requests from loyalists, and has been proclaimed in the Gordon districts.

THE CHESS MASTERS.

New York, March 23.—Play in the chess tourney was resumed this afternoon and two of the games were brought to a conclusion before the final adjournment for the day was taken. Pillsbury's success in the opening of his game was offset by a misfortune that befell Hampton at board eight, where Jacobs scored first blood for the British. A short time after a second game was wound up, when Newman and Ward at board nine declared a truce. Eight games were left to be resumed to-morrow.

AN IRISH CONVENTION.

London, March 23.—At a largely attended meeting to-day of Irish members of parliament, Mr. John Redmond presiding, it was decided that in the interest of national unity it was advisable to summon a convention of the Irish people, including representatives of the clergy, all public bodies and the national organizations, etc. A committee was appointed to arrange the details of the convention, which will probably meet at Whitstable in Dublin.

When that tired feeling comes over you, drink Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

FRENCH FIGHTING.

Bloemfontein, March 23.—Gen. French, with a brigade of cavalry and mounted infantry, has arrived at Thabanchu, and is engaged in communication with Masera. He reports all well.

London, March 23, 6:55 p.m.—According to special despatches from Capetown to-day, General French's cavalry brigade is fighting eastward of Bloemfontein.

TOO EASY WITH REBELS.

London, March 23.—The Outlook's special correspondent at Capetown says: "Fighting is running strong against the leniency with which rebels of Cape Colony and Natal are being treated by the British authorities."

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Muncie, Ind., March 23.—Three men, Clifford Van Kirk, Martin Barney and Thomas Sullivan, were instantly killed or fatally injured and two others seriously hurt by the explosion of a saw mill boiler near Anthony, seven miles from here to-day.

There is not an ounce of headache in a barrel of it—Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

ELECTED TO COMMONS.

London, March 23.—Mr. J. E. Romney, Conservative, has been elected to the House of Commons for the seat for the division of Finsbury, London, in the House of Commons, made vacant by the death of Charles Hall, Conservative.

IRON MINER KILLED.

Plattsburg, N. Y., March 23.—Alexander Leclair, a miner, was killed by a cave-in on the iron mine at Lyon mountain to-day. His home was formerly in Montreal.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF.

Washington, March 23.—The separate to-day adopted the conference report on the Porto Rican relief bill by a vote of 35 to 25, practically a strict party vote.

KITCHENER'S SUCCESS.

Bloemfontein, March 23.—(Thursday).—The rebellion in the Free State has been suppressed and Lord Kitchener is returning here.

In 1888 Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER said of
Brown's Bronchial Troches
"I think better of that which I began thinking well of."
Fac-Simile Signature of H. W. Beecher on every box.

The Plague Is Abating

Destruction of Unsanitary Buildings Assisted the Health Authorities.

Business Being Resumed in the Hawaiian Capital—Natives Destitute.

Since the buildings in the plague affected district of Honolulu were destroyed by fire there has been an abatement in the epidemic. The Warriors left on the 15th and during the two weeks preceding there were but two cases, the last on the 12th, the victim being a Chinaman. With the abatement of the plague the business of the port is being resumed, sugar from the islands being transferred from small steamers to the ocean carriers out in the stream. Goods are also being shipped from Honolulu to the other island cities and persons submitting for an injection of prophylactic serum are allowed to travel back and forth.

Dr. Ward, one of the sanitary officers, in a report says: "I have been looking over the plague reports and have culled the following statistics: From December 12th up to the present time the record by days is: Number of plague cases on December 12th, 2; 13th, 1; 14th, 2; 15th, 3; 16th, 1; 17th, 1; 18th, 1; 19th, 1; 20th, 1; 21st, 1; 22nd, 1; 23rd, 1; 24th, 1; 25th, 1; 26th, 1; 27th, 1; 28th, 1; 29th, 1; 30th, 1; 31st, 1; 1st, 1; 2nd, 1; 3rd, 1; 4th, 1; 5th, 1; 6th, 1; 7th, 1; 8th, 1; 9th, 1; 10th, 1; 11th, 1; 12th, 1; 13th, 1; 14th, 1; 15th, 1; 16th, 1; 17th, 1; 18th, 1; 19th, 1; 20th, 1; 21st, 1; 22nd, 1; 23rd, 1; 24th, 1; 25th, 1; 26th, 1; 27th, 1; 28th, 1; 29th, 1; 30th, 1; 31st, 1; 1st, 1; 2nd, 1; 3rd, 1; 4th, 1; 5th, 1; 6th, 1; 7th, 1; 8th, 1; 9th, 1; 10th, 1; 11th, 1; 12th, 1; 13th, 1; 14th, 1; 15th, 1; 16th, 1; 17th, 1; 18th, 1; 19th, 1; 20th, 1; 21st, 1; 22nd, 1; 23rd, 1; 24th, 1; 25th, 1; 26th, 1; 27th, 1; 28th, 1; 29th, 1; 30th, 1; 31st, 1; 1st, 1; 2nd, 1; 3rd, 1; 4th, 1; 5th, 1; 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A LARGE PROJECT.

It was explained at the board of trade yesterday that capitalists abundantly able to carry out what they undertake are considering the proposed railway to the north end of Vancouver Island in connection with a large transportation scheme. The plan which they have before them contemplates the construction of the proposed railway, the acquisition of the E. & N., the establishment of a ferry connection with the provincial mainland so as to connect with the Canadian Pacific as well as the United States roads, the establishment of ferry connection with Port Angeles and the construction, if necessary, of the Port Angeles Eastern railway. The gentlemen associated with the project are abundantly able to furnish themselves all the needed capital. They are awaiting the action of the Dominion government in the matter of the subsidy before approaching Mr. Dunsinuir with a definite proposal to acquire the E. & N. railway, and they hope to be able to associate themselves with him in the construction of the line on the Island, and to interest him in the whole enterprise. If this project is carried out it will mean the establishment of one of the greatest transportation companies on the Pacific Coast, and in view of the enormous business to be developed in the Yukon, Alaska, Northern British Columbia and Vancouver Island, it is safe to say that the enterprise it rightly handled ought to be highly profitable.

VICTORIA AS A PORT.

The following summary of the tonnage entering and clearing from the ports named has been handed the Colonist by a subscriber. It will be read with great interest at this time.

Trade and Navigation Returns, year ending June 30, 1899. Summary of sailing vessels entered and cleared during fiscal year.

Ship	Tonnage	Out
Montreal	1,478	1,472,912
Vancouver	1,071	1,067,545
Halifax	1,094	739,852
Quebec	312	674,278
St. John	1,332	601,983

COASTING TRADE—STEAM AND SAIL.

Ship	Tonnage	Out
Montreal	7,283	2,479,088
Vancouver	1,612	494,897
Halifax	4,199	447,589
Quebec	510	462,510
St. John	2,579	341,122

RECAPITULATION—TONNAGE ONLY.

Ship	Tonnage
Montreal	1,332,185
Vancouver	2,738,594
Halifax	2,376,845
Quebec	2,137,192
St. John	1,966,080

In view of the position of Victoria as the second port in the Dominion in point of tonnage, is it not passing strange that it is impossible to get even a bagatelle of \$10,000 spent by the government in improving the harbor? Compare the shipping business of Quebec with that of Victoria and then compare the expenditures on the two harbors, and you will be likely to conclude that in making up the estimates the government gives Quebec credit for Victoria's tonnage and vice versa.

Our correspondent did not compile the tonnage of Vancouver, but he mentioned on handing in the statement that it is somewhat less than that of Victoria, but we have no quarrel with Vancouver on the matter of expenditure.

PROVINCIAL CONSERVATISM.

The time seems to be at hand when the people of British Columbia must divide upon lines which are representative of distinct principles. For several years there has been manifest in certain quarters a distinct tendency towards what is known in the United States as Populism or, as some would describe it, Socialism. The opposition during the sessions of the last legislature, that is from 1895 to 1898, exhibited this in a marked degree and the Colonist frequently commented upon it. Since the session of 1898 the tendency has been much more pronounced and it has become a live issue with the advent to power of Mr. Martin and the promulgation of his platform.

In 1897 a platform was adopted by the Provincial Liberal Association in which the following principle was

enunciated as applicable to provincial politics:

"The adoption of a policy directed towards the ultimate ownership of railways by the government."

In 1898 the Provincial Conservative Association adopted a platform which among other things declared it to be advisable:

"To adopt the principle of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will admit."

Mr. Joseph Martin in his platform declares it to be his policy:

"To adopt a system of government construction and operation of railways."

It is not necessary to examine these three platforms any further. They will be seen to agree upon one vital point, a point which if endorsed by the people of the province will be absolutely revolutionary and will be the entering wedge of provincial socialism.

The Provincial Liberal Convention was held before the dismissal of the Turner ministry and hence could make no deliverance touching the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in unduly exercising the prerogative in that instance, but no Liberal convention, provincial or local, has ever condemned that act.

The Conservatives held a provincial convention in 1898, immediately after this extraordinary exercise of the prerogative and did not condemn it. They again met in 1899, and although the house had met in the meantime and the dismissal of the Turner ministry had been discussed there and had been brought up in parliament and notwithstanding the very material principle involved in it, no reference whatever was made to it. As the logical result of this indifference, Mr. Martin has been made premier and continues in office in direct contravention of the recognized principles of responsible government. It is very clear, therefore, that neither of the federal parties in this province can make any claim to be the champion of this great safeguard of popular liberty.

Nevertheless we venture to assert, and we defy successful contradiction, that the great majority of the people of British Columbia desire to see the principles of responsible government restored and preserved intact, and are opposed to the introduction of socialistic ideas of government as exemplified in the government ownership of railways. In other words, the majority of the people of the province are conservative in provincial affairs, and there is such a thing as provincial conservatism in defence of which the very great majority of the people will rally, if it is presented to them in some concrete form. But this provincial conservatism is wholly distinct from Conservatism as understood in federal politics, and in the face of the New Westminster platform of 1899, it is impossible that the federal Conservative party as such can espouse it. It is also equally clear that in the face of the New Westminster platform of 1897, the federal Liberal party are no better situated than the Conservatives. Logically both federal parties ought to follow Mr. Martin. It seems, therefore, very clear that if we are to prevent the introduction of socialistic policy and secure the preservation of responsible government we must have a new party, which will be conservative in the dictionary meaning of the word, and not in the political sense.

What shall be the name of such a party? For ourselves we should have no objection to calling it the Provincial Conservative Party; but perhaps a better title could be chosen, that is one that would not alienate any of those who may be pre-disposed to unite with it, or lead to confusion as to its objects. British Columbia needs a conservative policy at this time, or perhaps the dictionary synonym for conservative would be more appropriate, and we may say a "preservative" policy. How would "Preservative and Progressive Party" do? Such a name would exactly define what the majority of the people want. They want to see our system of responsible government preserved; they want to see British ideas of the relation of the state to individuals and business preserved; they want to see progress along approved lines, that is lines that have been tested by experience.

The expression "Liberal" as applied to federal politics really means little more than adherence to a certain combination of public men, and very little more can be claimed for the expression "Conservative." We are not going to say that there may not be such a great difference between two sets of public men that it is of vital importance to get one out of office and the other in. We most expressly claim that the contention between rival parties, even when there is little more distinction between them than one of personality is highly beneficial. We recognize the essential fact that one set of public men may represent certain political traditions and hence be more trustworthy than another set representing other traditions. But the application of these federal terms to provincial politics is wholly misleading for, as we have shown above, the representative bodies of both parties have declared for substantially the same thing and both of them stand on substantially the same platform as Mr. Martin, and to the platform of Mr. Martin the vast majority of the people are opposed. Hence we would discard the federal names as we must discard the federal organizations, if we

are to give the mass of the people an opportunity of expressing their views on the great issues of the day, which are:

Shall we preserve the principles of responsible government?

Shall we preserve the time-honored relations of the state to individuals and business?

Shall there be progress along those lines which experience has shown to be safe?

The other side of the case is:

Personal government.

Experimental legislation of a socialist character, and

Stagnation resulting from distrust.

The issue is between provincial conservatism, or preservation, if you like the term better, and provincial socialism. It is a clear-cut issue. It is one upon which there can be a straight division. It is one upon which all those Liberals and Conservatives, who refuse to be bound by the vagaries of the conventions of their respective parties, can unite. It is one upon which all those who fear the consequences of the advent to power of Mr. Martin can co-operate.

The surplus for the last fiscal year was \$4,837,741. If the \$10,000 had been expended on Victoria harbor, the surplus would have been \$4,827,741, and the country would have been quite as well satisfied.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., had the Island railway bill in charge and therefore he could not be expected to vote for an amendment excluding Chinese, and that the criticism implied in our headline to the Ottawa despatch on the subject does him an injustice. We make this statement of Mr. Morrison's position in regard to the bill in order that his course may not be misunderstood. Even if he were in favor of the proposed amendment he could hardly have voted for it under the circumstances.

The New York Crockery and Glass Journal drawing attention to the inability of the potteries to fill orders says it is due to an extraordinary state of things developed in the English collieries. "Men were making good wages, but as the demand increased the miners wanted more pay. This was granted, and then instead of working six days they loafed a day, which made the production so much less. To induce the men to work another day another raise was given them. Accepting the advance, they then only worked three days and now want another raise, so they may work only two days per week and yet have as much money as when they worked full time. The high wages drew men from the potteries and the result is that the potteries are full of orders which they cannot fill."

In Austria the coal miners are on strike and the potteries have had to close down for want of coal, and the French potteries being unable to get coal either in England or Austria are thinking of following suit. If ever there was a case of killing the goose which lays the golden egg, this is one.

Ghosts would frighten many people who are not afraid of germs. Yet the germ is a real danger. If this microscopic animal could be magnified to a size in proportion to its deadliness it would show like a giant python, or fire-breathing dragon. The one fact to remember is that the germ is powerful to harm the body when the blood is pure. It is far easier to keep the germ out than to drive it out after it obtains a hold in the system. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the most powerful and perfect of blood-purifying medicines. It increases the quantity as well as the quality of the blood, and enables the body to resist disease, or to throw it off if disease has obtained a footing in some weak organ. Wherever the digestion is impaired, the nutrition of the body is diminished, and the blood is made from the food which is eaten, and half digested food cannot supply the body with blood in quantity and quality adequate to its needs. For this reason there is no remedy equal to "Golden Medical Discovery." It cures ninety-eight out of every hundred persons who give it a fair trial. When there is constipation Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will promptly relieve and permanently cure.

BRITISH OFFICERS ALL RIGHT.

A Correspondent who Differs From Chas. Lewis Shaw's Criticisms.

"Irishwoman," writing to The Telegram says: "You have heard the last of your 'fool' correspondent, Mr. Charles Lewis Shaw, as I just evening cabled Lord Kitchener in regard to him and that 'Kitchener has Katched Krongie,' the next announcement we shall see is 'Kitchener Katches and Kicks Shaw,' as that man neither approves of fools nor the enemies of his country being at large, and deals with both in the same summary fashion. We had all hoped that you would have given Shaw a hint not to favor us with any more of his tommy-rot. It does not take much discernment to see that British officers and gentlemen are absolutely unknown quantities to your correspondent, and I have not the slightest doubt in the world that even our blessed good-natured Tommy cuts him as dead as a door nail, just because he is intelligent and has some common sense, which Shaw so evidently lacks. Once for all, dear Mr. Telegram, let me repeat that 'As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,' the British officer is second—you understand—second to none, a thousand fold Shaw's to the contrary notwithstanding, and the dear British soldier the same. I am sure that all your readers are both pained and surprised that you should publish such evident bosh, more especially as we rush for The Telegram in preference to all other papers because its war news is so reliable, and there is not the slightest tinge of 'yellow' about the whole paper, and also because our dear critic is always so hopeful and helped and comforted us so during the dark days when our hearts were very heavy indeed."

If the unmistakable Boers have outwitted and out-generalled the British, will Shaw have the goodness to tell us what they have done? They have been four months in British territory, and are now fleeing to save their skins, and even brave little Mafeking has defied them. The brave Boers! The sagacious Boers! Why, if British troops had had the entrenchments that the Boers have had, they would have held them against the British for all time, and yet the much-vaunted Boers had to flee before their supposed

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ly inferior (according to Shaw and others of his calibre) enemies. Shame on Shaw! His fool criticisms are thoroughly worthy of the pro-Boer that he is. There is one thing I will admit the Boers have outdone the British in, and that is pure, unadulterated, blackest treachery. A Britisher is so utterly incapable of anything except what is thoroughly fair, square and straight, that it takes him some time to get on, but when he does, then woe betide the "other fellow." I may mention, in passing that I have no relatives at the front, either amongst the officers or men, but it "files" me beyond expression to see those brave men held up to ridicule by an ignorant and self-confessed fool, who knows not whereof he speaks. One can see at a glance that the splendidly brave and thoroughly sensible British officer deigns not to notice Shaw, hence his twaddle. Neither does Tommy swear, he knows better than to sit in judgment on his officers, or rather he knows there is no occasion, as they are "perfectly all right."

"Kitchener will catch, kick and maul Shaw," and so this thing will end, and British officers and men will have a rest. I am quite sure they would consider anything that Shaw might say absolutely not worth notice, and we here, I dare say, would feel the same were it not for the fact that his letters are published in a paper of such weight as yours, and if some of the redoubtable Tommies whom Shaw seems so anxious to claim as friends could see Shaw's stuff they would administer such a thorough kicking (for Shaw is not worth good honest fists) that would ensure silence on matters military for the remainder of Shaw's natural life.

You need not be afraid that Shaw will lose his life, as I have asked Lord Kitchener to "Katch, but not to kill" him. I thought it better to put it in that way, as Kitchener is so relentless, and is quite capable of heading any "fool" correspondent that crosses his path. It will, therefore, not be necessary to cable asking Shaw not to send any more nonsense, as he will not have the chance of doing so, to the great relief of all your readers.

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Basket Ball.—Drill hall to-night. •

Sacred Oratorio.—The Metropolitan church choir, assisted by other talent and orchestra numbering 100 performers, under the direction of Mr. Gideon Hicks, will put on the sacred oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers" in the church on Good Friday evening. •

Art Needle Work.—Mrs. Kenley, representing the Home Art Society of Decorative Needlework of New York, invites all ladies interested in art needlework to visit the Blomford hotel parlors on Tuesday, March 27, and following days, hours 10 to 12 and 2 to 4, to view a collection of finished pieces and arrange for a series of lessons in this work. Stitch lessons and art lectures entirely free of charge. •

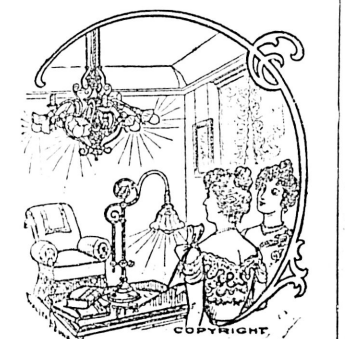
Basket Ball.—Drill hall to-night. •

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the late George Baker took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, North Chatham street, where a large number of friends gathered to pay their last respects to an old friend. The deceased had been an Ontario pioneer, and was the builder of the first locomotive engine that ran in Canada. The Rev. J. C. Speer, assisted by the Revs. Dr. Campbell and Barradough, conducted the services, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Isaac Walsh, J. C. Flett, W. H. Dempster, W. J. Clarke, James Brown and R. Cassie. •

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Death of Matthew Becker.—The death occurred yesterday of Matthew Becker, a native of Meiderf, Germany, aged 85 years. The funeral will take place today at 2 p.m. from the residence of Mrs. J. F. Becker, 217 Fort street.

Special Salvation Services.—There will be specially interesting services under the auspices of the Salvation Army during the next few days. Staff Capt. Gage, one of the most popular officials in the army, will arrive from Spokane this morning. He will conduct special services to-day, Sunday and Monday. This is Staff Capt. Gage's first visit to Victoria.

The Police Court.—Before Magistrate Haggard, two Frenchmen, Emile and Robert, were called for vagrancy, but failing to appear warrants were issued for their arrest. Two drunks paid the usual fine. A gentleman charged with an infraction of the bridge by-law was remanded until Tuesday. M. O'Brien was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for supplying intoxicants to Indians.

Steamboat Inspectors.—The candidates who are to be examined at Vancouver for the position of inspectors of boilers and machinery, at the request of Mr. Russell, Dominion Inspector for Vancouver, New Westminster and the Yukon district, with headquarters at Vancouver. Mr. Thompson continues as inspector for the other districts of the province with headquarters in this city.

Quarantine Ordered.—On account of the laxity of the health authorities in Republic Camp, just south of the British Columbia boundary and where smallpox is prevalent, Dr. Fagan, provincial health officer, has ordered that there shall be no communication between that camp and British Columbia. Freight trains bound from Republic to British Columbia have to change drivers at the boundary line. There are seven cases of smallpox in this province, viz.: one at Nakus, three at Rosedale, two at Grand Forks and one at Nelson. The greatest precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Ladies to Entertain.—The young ladies of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Pandora street will give a red, white and blue social on Monday evening, under the auspices of the social department of the Epworth League. The school room will be decorated with flags and drapes and the ladies will be attired in costumes of red, white and blue. During the evening patriotic songs and choruses will be rendered and refreshments served. No man will be allowed to take part in any way, with the exception of relieving the cravings of the inner man and engaging in the games which will be provided.

I. O. F. Are Spreading.—The Independent Order of Foresters have added another lodge during the past week to their already large membership, making now 51 lodges of the order in British Columbia. Court No. 4,305 was instituted at Langley Prairie on Tuesday evening, by W. E. Gillespie, D.S.C., R. of Toronto, with a charter list of 25 members and the following officers were duly installed: Court Deputy, Jno. Matosoff; Dr. Gahan of Chilliwack, physician; Albert Deans, C.R.; Frank Morrell, P.C.R.; Lawrence Miller, F.S.; Wm. J. Nelson, orator; Jas. E. Condon, or gambler; Wm. Livingston, S.W.; Wm. J. McQuinn, F.A.V.; Simon Monte, S.B.; Jas. McDonald, J.S.; trustees, Thos. H. Symonds and Daniel Smith.

A Tiny Boiler.—In the office of Manager Seabrook of the Albion Iron Works, is a marine boiler in miniature, the work of W. J. Jenkins, the foreman of the boiler shop. The boiler is of steel plate, built to scale from the latest pattern, and is perfect in every detail. It is provided with two furnaces with grate bars, and burner bars and bridge work, breeching, smokestack, government lockup, twin spring screw safety valve, stop valve on boiler, test and blow-off cocks, water gauge, etc. The furnaces are 3½ inches in diameter; there are 42 9-16 inch brass tubes. The boiler is mounted in two steel saddles, as would be the case if in position in vessel. The boiler has been tested by the government inspector to 210 pounds cold water pressure and 140 pounds working steam pressure. It is but 14½ inches in length and 12½ inches in diameter, and is a perfect machine in every respect, reflecting great credit on the ability of its builder. The boiler was presented to Manager Seabrook at Christmas time. Any one interested in marine architecture should make a point of inspecting the handsome miniature.

Frawley's Big Success.—T. Daniel Frawley, who brings his company to Victoria next Monday and Tuesday, has just concluded a three months' engagement in San Francisco, a three weeks' engagement at Portland, and a one week's engagement at Seattle. His business is said to be the largest he has ever done, and in each city his company has been pronounced the best he has ever had under his management. The Frawley company, which originally numbered thirteen people, now numbers twenty-five. This increase has been necessitated by the heavy plays Mr. Frawley has secured for this season. Manager Frawley has selected the two heaviest plays in his repertoire for presentation here. On Monday night he will present the great English racing drama, "The Sporting Duchess," which was almost as great a success in the United States as it was in London. It was originally produced in London by Sir Augustus Harris, who was one of the authors. Tuesday evening Sardou's famous comedy-drama, "Mme. Sans-Gene," will be presented for the first time here. This is the last successful play from the pen of the greatest living dramatist. It has enjoyed long runs in Paris, London and New York. Catherine Kidder starred in it for two years.

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When the yacht Rover of Santa Barbara, Cal., which has since reached Honolulu, arrived at Apia, Samoa, in the course of a long cruise through southern waters, Capt. R. B. Fitchean, reported that there had been a terrible hurricane in the vicinity of Niunofu island. It was in this hurricane that the cutter Espegale, owned by Mr. Krause of Nukunofu, Tonga, was wrecked and her master, Capt. John Castle and a crew of eleven men were drowned. The only persons escaping of the fourteen who were on board were a Tongan man and woman, who were washed ashore. The Espegale, while running before the wind, was cast ashore on the most easterly portion of the Fijian group. She had gone safely through Oueua Passage, the entrance to the group and fifteen miles beyond when she struck an uninhabited island. A fearful hurricane was blowing and the crew stood little chance of saving themselves. No further details were received by the Warrimoo as to the damage done.

HORSES FOR THE HERO.
They Will Be Used by the N. A. C. Co. For Hauling Coal Cars.

The big steamship Hero, under charter for four or five trips to the North American Commercial Company, lessors of the northern seal rookeries, sailed last night with a full cargo, inclusive of coal, for her charterers' Dutch Harbor stores. She also took up five first-class draught horses to be used in the hauling of the coal. There were six in the original purchase, but one died through accident on the voyage up from San Francisco.

MERCHANTMEN FROM OVER SEA
Large Fleet of Cargo Carriers From London and Liverpool for Rithets.

British ship Elmslie—a thoroughly modern vessel of 2,038 tons, classed 100 a1 in Lloyds, with Captain Hannah master—is now 130 days from Liverpool to this port. She, as well as the 501-ton British bark Brussels (A.A.), now 33 days out from the same port, is consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. The Elmslie was last spoken on December 17 in 7 S., 31 W. Another laden merchantman, now on the way to Messrs. Rithet & Co., Ltd., is the British ship Glenoliff, 2,183 tons, 100 a1, now out just 20 days from London.

SIDNEY SPIT BEACON.
Quadra's Crew Renews This Important Aid to Navigation.

D. G. S. Quadra returned to Victoria yesterday afternoon from a short trip to Sidney Spit, where the crew have erected a new wooden beacon in the place of the old one, which had become insecure through age. The new beacon is the same shape as the old one, about the same height, and is surmounted by a diamond of red and white work. Two-thirds of the upper part of the beacon is painted black and the lower third white. Captain Walkman reports beautiful weather among the islands of the Gulf.

COALS FROM CARDIFF.

Three Modern Carriers to Fill the Bunkers of Her Majesty's Fleet Now at Esquimalt.

Three full shiploads of Cardiff coal for use of Her Majesty's Navy are now en route from the old country mines for Esquimalt, the carriers being the British bark Shandon, Captain Blant, a vessel of 1,397 tons—100 a1; the British ship Rhindian Castle, Captain Roberts, of 1,993 tons—100 a1; and the British schooner Rime, Captain Warn, 895 tons—100 a1. The Shandon, now 95 days on voyage, was last spoken on December 19, at 49 S., 24 W.; the Rhindian Castle is 75 days on route, and the Rime 31 days.

WILL TAKE ALL RISKS.
The Alpha Will Go to Nome on Time Regardless of Consequences—Many Passengers Booking.

Although it is quite two weeks before the steamer Alpha will start on her much discussed voyage to the Cape Nome gold centre, 185 passengers have already been booked here and in Seattle, while the entire cargo capacity of the big vessel has been taken. The Alpha is only planned to carry 200 first and second-class passengers on this trip, with perhaps 75 steerage, and there is no doubt that the full capacity of the accommodation will be required. Her agents say the negotiations for permit from the American authorities are still proceeding slowly, but that the steamer will make the trip in any event—even at the risk of seizure.

A BUSY LUMBER PORT.
Fleet of Five Now Loading at Chemainus With More to Follow—New Mills Working Well.

No fewer than five ocean carriers are at present receiving lumber cargoes at the Chemainus mills, these being the Silo, Creedmoor, Wrestler, Renee Rickmers, and Glenalvon, of which the first named three will very shortly get away. Twenty-eight other steam and sail craft are also under charter to collect lumber for Chemainus lumber, while Manager

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GOSSIP OF THE DOCKS.
Repairs Unusually Busy.—The Coming and Going Coasters.
Ship Achashie has been chartered for grain to United Kingdom.
Steamer City of Seattle goes north from Vancouver at 9 to-morrow morning.
Steamship Kiojun-maru, of the N.Y.K. flag, is looked for about the 10th or 12th proximo.
Sailing schooner Penelope has been spoken on the Oregon Coast with 100 odd skins below decks.
Bark Alex. McNeill was drawn out at the Esquimalt marine ways yesterday, to receive a general overhauling.
American barkentine Charles F. Crook (702 tons) is en route from Salaverry with raw sugar for the B.C. Refinery.
C. P. N. Co. steamer Amur leaves this evening for Skagway and way ports via Vancouver. She has a fair number of passengers and a full freight cargo.
British steamer Fyllenore, Capt. Ellis, is listed by the Marine Guide as 15 days out from London for this port. She is a vessel with a rating in Lloyds of 100 a1.
Barge Colorado is still at Spratt's wharf, and will remain there for several weeks at least, making good damages sustained by her recent collision with the Lorne.

A party of 125 men of the Royal Navy, constituting the new crew for H.M.S. Egeria, arrive at Esquimalt to-night, leaving come direct from Halifax by special train of the C.P.R.
The big British steamship Duke of Fire, under charter to the Northern Pacific line for several voyages to and from the Orient, is due early next week, to sail outward about the 3rd or 4th of April.
Tug Sadie, came home from the Sound yesterday with the big scow Ajax, which Cahane & Cohen will use in the wrecking of the disabled collier Miami. The Ajax will be prepared for her new service here under the direction of diver J. J. McHardie.

Fire Protection.—A third hose reel has been placed in the Oakland fire hall. The three reels carry 800 feet of hose and as the water supply is good that suburb is now well protected.
A March Marriage.—There was a merry little wedding party at St. Paul's Presbyterian Manse yesterday afternoon, when Rev. D. Macrae performed the interesting ceremony uniting for better or for worse the fortunes of Mr. Charles Lorenzo Litoria, of Metochosin, and Miss Jessie Graham Charters, of Sooke. Both young people are well known and deservedly popular throughout the districts.

Popular Concert.—To-night in Temperance hall the usual popular concert will be held, at which a number of popular performers will take part, including Miss Grace King, Misses Kettle, Miss Trousdale, Miss Seaveroff and Messrs. Brownlie, Moxon, Semple, Ethernott, Kirkendall and others. The doors open at 7:30, and the concert commences at 8:15. This will be a delightful musical treat to all who attend.

To-night's Drill Hall Concert.—Appended is the programme for the Fifth Regiment Band promenade concert at the Drill hall to-night. The musical selections are varied and include a few numbers in American character, in honor of the visitors. The great attraction for this concert is the battle royal for basket ball supremacy between the J. B. A. A. team of this city, champions of British Columbia and the Y. M. C. A. team of Seattle, who are at present champions of the Pacific Northwest. This is the final game for the Pacific Northwest championship honors and the silver cup now on exhibition in T. N. Hibben & Co.'s window. Play will start at 8:30 prompt and a warm but gentlemanly game may be looked for. The musical programme follows:

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The latest styles from Paris and New York in hats, Bonnets and Millinery Novelties will be shown, also the usual Assortment of the latest Blouses and Children's White wear.

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NOTICE.
Estate of Benjamin Evans, Deceased.
Any person who is indebted to this Estate is required to pay the amount due forthwith, and any persons who have any claims against the Estate are required to present them within thirty days from date hereof to
CHAS. E. POOLEY, Executor.
Victoria, 21st March, 1900.

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P. O. Box 236—Victoria, B. C.
Manufacturers of vitrified, glazed sewer pipe and sanitary fittings, flower pots, agricultural drains, fire proof tile, fire bricks, re-pressed bricks, etc., etc. N.B.—Reduced prices on flower pots.

The Empathic statement that The D. & L. Menthel Plaster is doing a great deal to alleviate neuralgia and rheumatism has been upon the lips of the D. & L. Plaster never fails to soothe and quickly cure. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

Novelties for Eastertide

AT THE WESTSIDE.

The Westside is practically overflowing with novelties for Easter. Wherever the eye wanders, it meets a dazzling array of beauty, that tells of what is newest and best among the world's fashion centres, Paris, London, Berlin, New York never before sent such a vast and representative selection, and the keynote is stylishness that will harmonize with Easter festivities.

Novelties in Ladies' Neckwear from 25c. Novelties in Buckles..... from 25c. Novelties in Vellings..... from 15c. Novelties in Laces..... from 12½c. doz Novelties in Silk Waists..... from \$3.00.

Special, 150 doz. Ladies' French Suede Gloves, reg. \$1.25 Saturday, 90c. pr.

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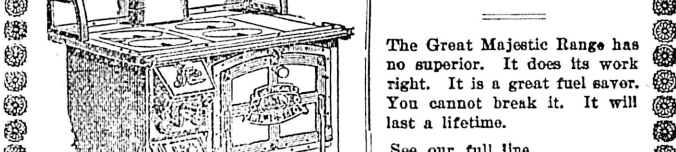
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NEW SPRING MERCHANDISE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

WE CARRY the choicest and most exclusive goods possible to get, but we also offer even larger assortments for every day wear. Whatever the grade, we deal only in reliable qualities and we are in a position to state that our assortments are not equalled on the coast and our prices are not beaten in Canada for equal value.

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS

To-day we show for the first time 48 New Suits made in fawn and gray tweed, small check. New Eton shaped Jacket, new pleated Skirt, lined silk finished sateen, cut in the latest way, lined with perceline, velvet bound. . . Price \$14.00
Same Suit with the Jacket lined with silk, . . . \$20.00
We have hundreds of other Suits just as desirable as these, Prices, . . . \$8.75 to \$25.00

NEW SHAPE BICYCLE SKIRTS

This shape has just been introduced in New York, and has become popular at once. It is a divided Skirt, which when worn looks like the ordinary walking skirt. Made in Navy Blue, Fawn and Grey, . . . at \$2.85 and \$3.75
BLOOMERS to wear with them. Black Stockinet Cloth, \$1.50. Navy Blue or Black Serge, \$2.25. Navy Blue or Black Alpaca, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Fancy Tweed, \$2.00 to \$3.50.
GIRLS' BICYCLE SKIRTS, . . . \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00
GIRLS' BLOOMERS, to match Skirts, same prices.

GOLF CAPES

These useful Capes are more fashionable than ever. We have about 100 new ones to select from. Prices \$6.75 to \$15.00

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Just about 100, Chiffon and Lace; Smart, Short Capes. All new; no two alike. Prices run from \$5.00 to \$50.00, so that we can suit everybody.

EASTER MILLINERY

We have just had our most successful opening. Being satisfied with a smaller profit than usual, we have sold more hats. With our large New Show Rooms we show a larger variety than ever, and our staff of twenty milliners can trim up the choicest style for any occasion, and to suit every purse. Prices are from \$2.50 to \$25.00.

ENGLISH SAILOR HATS.—Yesterday we opened 60 doz. of New Hats. You may find just the one you were looking for in this lot.

NEW YORK SAILORS.—Four new shapes, Knox Sailors, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.50 each.

CHILDREN'S HATS.—Just unpacked, eight large cases of Hats, Caps and Bonnets for the little ones. A bright little face makes a pretty picture in a frame of soft white muslin and lace. We have the frames at all prices, 25c. to \$2.50.

The assortment of Cream Silk Embroidered Baby Bonnets is larger than ever. Prices are from 35c. to \$2.25.

NEW TAM O'SHANTER CAPS for Girls, 25, 35, 50 & 65c. Children's Sailor Tams, 25c. and 50c. Best quality, silk lined, 75c. and \$1.00.

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

Our large department is crowded with the latest novelties. New Homespun Dress Goods, in large variety of patterns suitable for Dresses or separate Skirts. 50c., 75c., \$1 & \$1.25 a yd. New Tweeds for Tailor-made Suits, 54 in. wide, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 a yard.
New Shepherd Checks, 54 in. wide, special quality, \$1.00 a yd.
All Wool French Cashmeres, all colors, . . . 35c. a yard.
All Wool French Poplins, all colors, 65c., 85c. and \$1.15 a yd.

NEW DRESS TRIMMINGS

In Fringes, Sequin Trimmings, all over Beaded Nets, Black Embroideries, Braids, Yokes, Fronts, etc.
A novelty is a Waist Set, sleeves, front and back, making a complete bodice made of Brussels Net, covered with beads and sequins. Prices \$9.50 to \$12.50

SUNSHADES

Now is the time to get the choice ones. The stock is complete and of course the nicest go first.

WASH GOODS, GINGHAMS, PRINTS

Hundreds of pieces of New Spring Gingham have been placed on the counters during the past few weeks. All new patterns and all fast colors. . . Prices, 12½, 15, 20 and 25 cts. per yd.
New Silk Striped and Checked Gingham, 25c., 35c., & 40c. yd.
New White Muslins for dresses and aprons, 8c., 10c., 12½c. and 15c. per yd.
New Piques, . . . 15c., 20c. and 25c. per yd.
Flannelettes, striped and plain colors, 8½c., 10c., 12½c., 15c. yd.
Notwithstanding the advance in these goods, we are giving our customers the advantage of contracts placed months ago and are still selling at prices which are today less than wholesale rates.

BOYS' CLOTHING

The newest styles made from the best materials are now displayed. Call today when the boys are not at school and see how well we can outfit the family for less than you would expect to pay. Our Clothing always gives satisfaction and you have the largest stock in the west to select from.

Boys' Navy Blue Sailor Suits, from	\$1.00
Boys' Tweed Two-piece Suits, from	1.50
Boys' Norfolk Suits, from	2.25
Boys' Tweed, Three-piece Suits, from	2.85
Boys' Fine Worsted Suits, 2-piece from	\$4.50; 3-piece from 5.75
Boys' Navy Serge Suits, 2-piece from	\$1.65; 3-piece from 3.50
Boys' Brownie Suits, from	2.75
All sizes in Boys' Serge Pants, lined,	25c.
Special Values Boys' Halifax Tweed Pants, lined, 45c. & 50c.	
Boys' Halifax Tweed Pants, all sizes,	35c.
Boys' Striped Galatea Blouses,	50c.
Boys' White Duck Blouses,	60c., 75c. and 90c.
Regulation Sailor Blouses, white duck, large navy blue collar, \$1	
Same style, better duck, with silk tie and front, complete, \$1.50	
Boys' Tweed Caps, new shape, glazed peaks,	25c.
Boys' New Plaid Caps,	35c. and 50c.

FOR MEN—New Spring Ties

Two large cases came yesterday, and are shown this morning. Puffs, Oxfords, Flowing Ends and Tecks. Special values at 25c. and 50c.

NEW SPRING SHIRTS just put into stock. Some of the latest novelties in Men's New Shirts.
Colored Pique Front Shirts, soft bosoms, \$1.50
White Lawn New Pleated Fronts, present N. York fad, \$1.50
Soft Cambric Shirts, fancy silk bosoms, pearl buttons, starched collar bands, \$1.00
New Colored Cambric Shirts, new stripes, laundered fronts and cuffs, open fronts, special value, \$1.00

NEW GLOVES—"Trefousse."

THE BEST GLOVE MADE FOR WOMEN.

Trefousse Kid Gloves, tans, browns, white and black. Special value, \$1.00 a pair. We do not know of any glove on the market to equal this:

Trefousse Kid Gloves, standard quality, every fashionable shade, both dressed kid and suede, \$1.50 a pair
Trefousse Kid Gloves for Girls, \$1.00 a pair

"DENT'S"—THE BEST GLOVE MADE FOR MEN

Dent's Kid Gloves for Men, tans and browns, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.85 a pair. Dent's Black Mourning Gloves, \$1.00 a pair
Dent's White Dress Gloves, \$1.00 a pair

Dent's Kid Gloves, for Boys, tans and browns, . . . 75c. a pair
Silk and Taffeta Gloves, very fine values, 25c., 35c. and 50c. a pair. Black, white, cream and almost every other color.

Lisle Thread Bicycle Gloves, special make, . . . 25c.
Heavy Lisle Thread Bicycle Gloves, with kid palms, 50c. pr.

BELTS AND BUCKLES

THE NEW PULLEY BELT made of wide ribbon behind and narrow ribbon in front, with 2 rings to pass through and make bow, stiffened with whalebone, fits any size and keeps waist and skirt bound together at back. It makes the waist appear slender, and gives it the fashionable long effect in front. Black and all colors. 50c. to \$1.75, according to quality of ribbon used.

NEW LEATHER BELTS

All styles, all colors, all qualities. We had the opportunity and bought 142½ doz., many of them samples. Most of them worth 50c. and some 75c. each. Your choice today, 25c. each.
New Belt Buckles, . . . 25c., 35c. and 50c. each.
New Blouse Sets, New Beauty Pins, New Lace Pins, New Hat Pins—all at such little prices that you'll never miss the money.

NEW HOSIERY

You are on a sure footing as regards value if you buy your Hosiery at this store. New Lisle Thread Hose, lace ankles, lace fronts and all over lace, . . . 50c., 65c. and 75c. a pr.
Fine Plain Cashmere Hose, black, elastic, soft, 35c. and 50c. pr.

SPRING BOOTS AND SHOES

We have now the largest assortment of NEW Footwear in the West. SEE OUR NEW DEPARTMENT.
Our Fine Footwear is made by the foremost American manufacturers, most of the medium and cheaper grades are made by that reliable firm, J. D. King & Co., Toronto. We handle only honest, good wearing, Boots and Shoes, and will thank any customer to return any pair not found satisfactory.
See the Broad street window for special line at \$2.00 a pair.
New line Satin Slippers, Louis XV Heels, all evening shades, \$2.75 a pair. New stock Court Shoes, various qualities.
Our Boys' and Girls' School Boots wear well.

THE CARPET STORE

This department has been greatly enlarged lately, we are now using two floors 30 x 90 feet for show rooms which are filled with new goods. Bale after bale of English Axminster, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets have come in during the past month, and we assure intending purchasers of our ability to serve them well.

Prices, value for value as low as you can get them in the East.

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Is the winner of the Derby wears the Blue Ribbon of the turf. So is Blue Ribbon Ceylon the champion of all teas.

Finance and Commerce

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEWS.

New York, March 23.—Dun's tomorrow will say: "The general tone of Canadian despatches indicates gradual improvement with the advancing season although Halifax reports lumber prospects no better, as there is still lack of snow. General trade conditions in Nova Scotia are favorable, however, and collections are fair. Bright weather has improved general trade at Quebec and especially in dry goods and kindred lines. Toronto reports more activity in wholesale lines, with hardware and metals in good demand and fair trade in groceries, and leather and collections are satisfactory. Heavy country roads have unfavorably affected business and collections at Montreal, but the outlook is encouraging. Collections are slow at Vancouver, but some improvement in wholesale dry goods is noticeable at Victoria, and general trade continues only fair with collections medium."

Bradstreet's review says: "Some few irregularities are visible in the general trade and industrial situation, the results of the working of counter currents in various lines, but taken as a whole, the general outlook remains one of the encouraging features noted for some time past. Continued railroad earnings increases, record breaking merchandise exports from New York, with signs of a resumption of heavy shipments of iron to Europe and goods wheat and fruit crop reports, except from the Central West are also features. An unfavorable element is the prediction of a general strike of machinists, but it is possible that more than its proper weight has been given this threatened trouble. As an offset, however, the settlements of the differences among the lake ore handlers a vital point in the immense business looked for for the coming spring and summer. Large as our trade has been of recent months, current custom however returns from New York and the West indicate that the best has not yet been shown."

Anthracite coal reflects the advanced season in weaker quotations, but bituminous sorts are in demand. The famine in coal in Europe seems to be growing more pronounced but some rumors of large contracts for southern coal have yet to be placed. Copper is in good demand and some large sales are reported for export with prices slowly hardening. Staple values generally show little change. Flour is inactive and firmer on the week as are also hog products on smaller receipts and a reported squeeze short. Sugar is higher, mainly owing to the growing strength of raw material and there is a tendency based chiefly perhaps on hope to believe the refined sugar war may soon reach its conclusion. Wheat and corn among the breadstuffs have been weaker. The extent of the late advance in cotton discourages bullish activity, but short supplies abroad and a small crop movement at home furnish little encouragement to the bears and the market for that staple is about a standstill as regards price movement. Wool remains one of the soft spots in the market and though a little more business has been done this week than last concessions are easier to obtain and prices are quotably lower. Leather on the other hand, remains a better report than for some time past. Quotations of hennock are higher and business has been large at several markets. The boot and shoe industry notes some improvement in demand and prices, but hides remain rather dull. Lumber is quiet at most markets and the outcome of prices is a subject of differing opinion. Jewelry manufacturers note a quieter demand and dealers report business very dull.

Business failures for the week were 192 as compared with 190 last week; 182 in this week a year ago; 215 in 1898, 221 in 1897, and 276 in 1896. Gross receipts of 63 railroads for the second week of March reported to Bradstreet's aggregate \$8,865,028; a gain of 12.2 per cent. over the same week a year ago.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 23.—Prices of stocks were continued but unavailing efforts to stand up under the weight of heavy sales to realize profits, but in the majority of instances the last prices are below those of last night. The whole list was at one time higher than last night and several groups of stocks made a show of aggression. All of these stocks which have been most heavily bought in the last few days were most largely sold today. Selling orders came not only from the board room traders, but from outside sources, and London reversed its position of yesterday. It bought heavily of some stocks, but the balance of transactions on that account was on the side of sales. This had a decided sentimental influence on speculative opinion, as great hopes were aroused by London's active buying yesterday, that sustained support would be brought to the market from that source. The local transactions were sold on renewed apprehension that a heavy tax would be levied under the new franchise law. A sudden spurt to 164½ by Metropolitan after having been sold at 160 a few miles before, caused rallies in this group and had a steadying effect on the whole market, which was tending downward up to that time. There was some apprehension early in the day that the demand for loans to carry over until Monday would cause a pinch in the call money market, but this fear proved groundless. Closing quotations:

Ann. Oil	33½
Ann. Tob.	107½
Ann. Sugar	105
Am. Soda	40½
A. T. & S. F. all paid	2½
A. S. & W.	55½
B. & O.	73½
B. R. T.	68½
Can. Sou.	50½
C. & O.	30½
C. B. & Q.	128½
Chicago Gas	99½
C. R. T. & P.	111½
C. S. & S. I.	122½
Cont. Tob. com.	31½
Cons. Gas, N. Y.	25
Colo. Fuel & Iron	48

of a remark of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, as follows: "The man who can sweep up the greatest number of fragments of political power into one heap will govern the rest."

S. PERRY MILLS.

CHINESE REFORM SOCIETY.

Sir: An article in Friday's issue of your paper, headed "To oppose all foreigners," contains some statements which the society inaugurated by Kang Yu Wei wishes to contradict. No such placard as the one mentioned in the said article has been posted up by the Chinese Reform Society. Loyal to their country's best interests, the members understand thoroughly that China must be thrown open to foreigners, and that business must be conducted on the same principles which have made foreign trade an advantage to other nations. As patriotic Chinese, we do most emphatically object to the partition of China among foreign powers; but having studied Japan's policy and its results during the past years, we realize that reform is needed on all sides in our native land, and an open door is recognized as one of the chief reforms. In the struggle between the old and the new, there is in every country bitter persecution and opposition; and some one—probably Chinese—opposed to the reform movement—has been trying to make mischief. There may have been papers posted up, printed in China or Japan, which have given rise to comment and objection; but the Reform Society has only published placards regarding the new movement and its policy, and is responsible for no more.

The statement that "The leading Chinese merchants of the city are in no way connected with the so-called reformers, and have always held aloof from them" is not true. With few exceptions, the leading Chinese merchants are members of the Reform Society, as are almost all the merchants of Vancouver and New Westminster.

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LATE YUKON ADVICES.

Hill Held for the Murder of His Partner Blais, on Pelly River.

Late Dawson papers which reached Victoria yesterday chronicle the proceedings of the inquest held at Selkirk recently upon the body of William Blais, who was shot by his partner Charles Hill, up the Pelley river during the latter part of January. The inquest, at which A. H. Moggeridge was foreman, continued from the 20th to the 28th February and resulted in a verdict that Blais came to his death by wilful and malicious murder at the hands of Hill, who was on this warrant held for the crime. His preliminary trial came on almost immediately after before Inspector W. H. Routledge, and—reserving his defence by advice of counsel—Hill was formally committed for trial at the first court of competent jurisdiction. The O'Brien cache robbery case, which will probably be dropped temporarily if O'Brien is brought to book for the triple murder on the trail, was listed to follow immediately after the disposal of this homicide. According to the Nugget of the 5th, one of the late papers out, the losers by the Nugget express collapse stand a fair chance of securing a portion of their losses, while the newspaper—being an entirely separate institution from the express—is not in any way affected by Allen's action.

Preparations were going rapidly forward for despatching the W. K. Merwin as the first steamer for Nome as soon as the ice shall break, and with the approach of spring a decline in the price of beef to 15 cents a pound and of wood from \$22 to \$13 a cord was noted by the thankful Dawsonites. The Jack Wade litigation was reported to be satisfactorily disposed of and work resumed on all the interested claims, and a special meeting of the Yukon Territorial Council had been convened to deal with a citizens' committee petition asking that the government be telegraphed the request of Dawson's inhabitants that the portion of the Yukon Territory Amendment Act providing for elective members in the council be at once enforced.

A NEW IDEA ON CURING COLDS

And How It Led to the Discovery of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.—The Great Home Remedy.

For generations the best physicians have sent patients suffering with pulmonary diseases to the Southern provinces, where turpentine is collected in order that they might breathe the fumes of the pine and be cured.

For the poor, and even for those in moderate circumstances, this treatment was not available, and Dr. Chase, ever striving to bring relief to suffering humanity, conceived the idea of bringing this remedy of nature to the people. Turpentine is so compounded with linseed, or flaxseed, and half a dozen other ingredients in Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, that you would never know there was turpentine in it. It is decidedly pleasant to the taste, and yet powerful in overcoming coughs, colds and throat irritation.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is, above all others, a home remedy, as it is equally good for children and grown-up persons. It promptly relieves tightness of the chest and cures all ailments of the throat and bronchial tubes, 25 cents a bottle. Family size, containing more than three times as much, 60 cents. At all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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BUILDERS & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.
THOMAS CATERALL—16 Broad St., P.O. Box 648; office fittings, wharves repaired, etc.
REPAIRS AND GENERAL JOBBING—Office and Shop Fitting. J. P. Burgess, Carpenter, 14 Broughton St., 728.
DRAYMAN.
JOSEPH HEANEY, Truck and Drayman—Office 26 Yates street; stables 119 Superior street; Telephone 171.
HARDWARE.
E. G. PRIOR & CO.—Hardware and Agricultural Implements. Cor. Johnson and Government.
HICKMAN TIE HARDWARE CO., Ltd.—Importers of iron, steel, hardware, pipe fittings, cutlery, etc. Mining and mill supplies a specialty.

IRONWORKS.
VICTORIA MACHINERY DEPOT CO., Ltd., (late Spratt & Gray)—Engineers, Founders, and Builders, 17 and 19 Work street. Telephone 670.
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VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO.—Telephone 13.
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STEINBLER & BAILEY, Coffee, spices, mustard and baking powders. Pembroke st., near Government.
NOVELTY WORKS.
L. HAFER, general machinist, 150 Government street.
PLUMBERS.
E. F. GEIGER, sanitary plumbing, gas and hot water fitting. Tel. 226.
PHOTOGRAPHERS.
PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES.—R. Maynard, 41 Pandora street.—All kinds of photographic material for amateurs and professionals; Kodaks, Pecos, Koronas, Patmos, etc. Same block Mrs. R. Maynard's Art Studio; also views of British Columbia and Alaska for sale.
Same block—Maynard's Shoe and Fitting store, 41 Pandora street; boots, shoes, leather and shoe findings; "K" boots a specialty.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUTCHERS.
L. Goodacre, Contractor by appt. to Royal Navy and Dominion Government. Tel. 32.
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET CO., Ltd., Govt. and Yates sts., Butchers and Poultry, wholesale and retail dealers in fresh, salted and smoked meats, lard, etc., branch, Vancouver.

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PAISLEY DYE WORKS.—Tel. 410. The old reliable. Established 1855. 114½ Yates street.
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SCAVENGERS.
ED. LINES, General Scavenger, 236 Yates street—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Speed Bros., cor. Douglas and Fort streets; Schroeder Bros., corner Michigan and Menzies will be promptly attended to.

PETER HANSEN, city scavenger, teamster and wood dealer. Building sand and gravel for sale. Address, 40 Discovery street. Telephone 184.

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JOHN LECKIE, 632 Granville street.
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NOTICE is hereby given that we shall apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their meeting to be held on the 13th day of June, 1900, for a transfer of the license now held by us to sell spirits and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the Belmont Saloon, situated on the corner of Government and Humboldt Streets, Victoria, from ourselves to Peter Wolf, of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1900.
THOS. FLEWING,
CHAS. FLEWING,
J. H. HALL & J. LONGHURST,
Executors of W. H. Flewning, Deceased.
Witness:
J. P. Walls.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 23.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The high barometer area which was off Vancouver Island yesterday is slowly spreading inland, and as the barometer is low east of the Rockies and over California, this movement is likely to cause several fair days, with rising temperatures throughout this province. The weather is fair over the entire Pacific Slope, while in northern Alberta heavy snow has fallen. Edmonton reports one foot.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	51
New Westminster	40	52
Kamloops	34	54
Barkerville	29	46
Calgary	34	46
Winnipeg	8	28
Portland, Ore.	38	56
San Francisco	48	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Saturday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds, westerly at first; fair to-day and probably Sunday; stationary or higher temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light variable winds; fair to-day and probably Sunday; stationary or higher temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 23.
Dew. Deg.
5 a.m. 45 Mean 47
Noon 48 Highest 51
5 p.m. 43 Lowest 43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 7 miles west.
Noon 11 miles southwest.
5 p.m. 12 miles west.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Sunshine—12 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed 30.070
Corrected 30.083

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 30.06

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By steamer Victorian from the Sound:
H. E. Kyle, Mrs. Price,
J. A. Boyle, Geo. F. Williamson,
G. B. Hanssner, Mrs. Williamson,
W. P. Bird, H. D. Findlander,
R. Lingstra, D. H. Porter,
H. Cairns, J. R. Croft,
J. F. Turner, R. Brown,
Miss Hayes, O. M. Rosendale,
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And maintained by laws of bigotry and intolerance.
Thy monarchy, though based on hereditary right,
Is governed by a people's will, and over-riding might.
Each citizen before the law an equal right is given
To worship God in any form, or make of earth his heaven.
From feudal bonds outgrowing, lowest forms of hate,
Thou hast by liberal laws enthroned a vast and mighty state.
Which overshadows all, for 'tis an Empire of the free, a republic purely fashioned by the hand of destiny.
And though millions may deride thee, as slaves of other creeds,
A liberal world upholds thee, and glorifies thy deeds.
No earthly power can check thy course, nor glory minimize,
For where oppression rules, there thy sacred duty lies
To uplift the human race, by laws humane and divine,
So that the glory of each nation's birth will be a part of thine.
For thou girds the world with silken cords of liberty, love and equity,
And governs races, castes and creeds with friendship and fraternity.
From thy fruitful bowels spring new nations giving birth,
To kindred laws and customs, engirdling half the earth.
And who shall stay thy course, or by factions hate withhold
Thy onward march to civilize and conquest yet untold?
For like a mighty avalanche, the race goes speeding on,
Blending in one concrete mass all kindred souls as one.
For the Great Unknown is guiding it, and doth its course defy,
That human freedom may attain a great and glorious end.
Wherever the Union Jack's displayed and Stars and Stripes unfurled,
They are symbols of a mighty power, giving freedom to the world.
For the Stars and Stripes are blended with thy flag, thy glory,
And millions owe thee birth to thee and birthright to thy name.
Long may the race entwined by love, in wealth and power increase,
To beautify a fruitful earth and guarantee its peace.

—REGINALD W. NUTTALL.

Aiding Road To The North.

Board of Trade Passes Resolution Urging Governments to Grant Subsidies.

Proposal to Erect Building at Winnipeg Exhibition for B.C. Meets With Favor.

The special meeting of the board of trade called for yesterday afternoon did not take long in arriving at a unanimous decision to endorse the projected extension of the E. & N. railway to the north end of the Island. There was very little discussion, it being conceded by all present that the scheme was one on which there were no two opinions, and one the advantages of which have been extensively and adequately set forth in the press and on the platform. So there were no long speeches. A strong resolution of endorsement was proposed by Mr. C. H. Lugin, editor of the Colonist, and unanimously passed, after the mover had given some information showing how others than the original applicants for the charter were anxious to take hold of the project and push it to completion. The board then dealt with the desirability of the board endorsing the suggestion that the provincial government should lend its aid to the erection, in connection with the Winnipeg exhibition, of a permanent building to accommodate British Columbia exhibits. Through the courtesy of the board, after the regular business had been exhausted, F. W. Heubach, the manager of the industrial exhibition at Winnipeg, was permitted to address the board on the object of his visit and desirability of British Columbia being represented at the exhibition in the manner suggested. It was decided to recommend early favorable action on the part of the council of the board of trade, and a meeting will probably be held early next week to pass the necessary resolutions in accordance with that decision.

Vice-President L. G. McQuade occupied the chair and there were present: Simon Leiser, C. H. Lugin, Ald. Williams, James Thomson, A. G. McCandless, Stephen Jones, G. Foster, J. Bell, Lawrence Goodrich, Joshua Davies, J. C. McClure, H. Bull, D. W. Higgins, M.P.P., J. H. Turner, M.P.P., Henry Saunders, Capt. William Meyer, E. E. Woodton, H. Smith, W. H. Ellis, C. D. Mason, Thomas Shotbolt, J. Mitchell, John Piercy, R. Seabrook and Joseph Loewen.

The chairman briefly explained the object of the special meeting, Mr. Lugin, as he was one of those instrumental in closing the members together on that occasion, outlined the status of the project. He thought it timely to tell the board what was being done. During the last session of parliament a gentleman who is interested in the development of Vancouver Island spoke to some of the ministers regarding the likelihood of getting a subsidy and received a favorable response. It was pointed out to him, however, that a company must be incorporated before the matter could be properly dealt with. The bill now before parliament was introduced in consequence. Another application was also made, and the gentlemen interested had placed the matter in his hands in order that he might look after their interests here. He had had a conversation with Mr. Dunsinuir on the matter and as a result he had advised his principals that every purpose would be served by Mr. Dunsinuir's application. Later he met an American gentleman who has become interested in the project. He came to Victoria looking for a field for investment, and was interested to some extent in the mines on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Mr. Lugin had brought under this gentleman's notice the matter of the railway to the north end of Vancouver Island. The plan as outlined to that gentleman, who represents very large capital, comprised, besides a line of steamships from the northern termini of the railway to Alaska, had very close connections with the British Columbia Mainland and to the American railway systems to the south, and the acquisition of the E. & N. railway. The estimated cost of the completion of such an extensive scheme of coast transportation was \$8,000,000. The idea was taken up quite eagerly, and communications with the gentleman interested were being carried on. In the last letter he had received, the gentlemen regarded with a great deal of alarm the suggestion that British Columbia was likely to adopt the system of the government ownership of railways. He had assured them that as the charter would be a federal one it would not be affected thereby.

Mr. Lugin mentioned these matters to show that other capitalists besides Mr. Dunsinuir were interested in the project. One of the gentlemen was now in New York, and had exhaustive data on the subject to submit to his associates in that city. The interest taken shows that when parliament has acted some one will come forward. The speaker then told of the resolutions endorsing the scheme passed at the public meeting in the Philharmonic hall and by the city council. He had already forwarded to Ottawa petitions bearing over 2,000 signatures, and had others in his possession with 1,500 names, and each mail brought others from the interior points of the Vancouver board of trade and the city council had been communicated with on the subject, but no reply had as yet been received. He moved the following resolution:

"Resolved: That this board regards the proposed railway to the north end of Vancouver Island as a work for the advantage of British Columbia and the Yukon territory, and recommends it to the provincial government and the parliament of Canada as deserving of assistance by a reasonable subsidy. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the provincial representatives at Ottawa."

Mr. Lugin could only add in conclusion that the building of the road would undoubtedly lead to the development of Victoria into an important point in connection with traffic to Alaska and all northern ports.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Simon Leiser.

Mr. McCandless thought that as everyone was unanimously in favor of the scheme it would only be a waste of time to indulge in lengthy discussion.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Mr. Turner suggested that a copy of the resolution should be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and all the British Columbia members in the Dominion house.

Mr. Lugin mentioned that there had already been some correspondence with Col. Prior, M.P., on the subject.

The resolution was then amended in accordance with Mr. Turner's suggestion. The regular business then being exhausted, Mr. Leiser suggested that Mr. Heubach should address the board. Mr. Heubach explained he was present as a representative of the Winnipeg Industrial Association. He wanted first of all to express his keen appreciation of the compliment the board had paid him in permitting him to address them—suspending the rules, as it were, and taking up a new subject. He did not know that he could better explain what he wished to attain than by reading the following letter:

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 17th, 1900.

A. C. Flumerfelt, Esq., Victoria, B.C.:

Dear Mr. Flumerfelt: I beg again to refer to the conversation I had the pleasure of having with you ten or twelve days ago in Montreal, in relation to the matter of a suitable British Columbia building being erected on the exhibition grounds here, in time for our 20th Century fair, which is to open on the 23rd July.

As you will remember, I pointed out that the association has been endeavoring for the past couple of years to provide accommodation for a thoroughly representative exhibit of the resources of British Columbia. The matter has been before me with the attention of the Dominion government, with the result that the department of the interior has undertaken to provide us with a grant of nearly sufficient to cover the cost of erecting the building, provided it is entirely constructed of British Columbia woods, and the C. P. R. have undertaken to carry this building free of cost from British Columbia to Winnipeg.

I had considerable correspondence with some of the principal lumber dealers in your province last spring on this subject, but unfortunately the matter was taken up so late in the season that it was found impossible to carry the scheme through in time for last year, but I think if you will do as you kindly promised, and see a few of these gentlemen personally, and have the question reopened, I am sure that you will succeed in interesting them.

We feel it is needless for us to point out the value of such a building viewed from a British Columbia standpoint. From the very nature of things, the demand from Manitoba and the Territories for your fruit and, more particularly, your lumber must become a most important factor in our trade relations, consequently to be perpetually in evidence before the tens of thousands of people who visit our fair annually, will certainly result in immense advantages.

No stronger fact in support of this assertion can be used than that both the Dominion government and the C. P. R. have gone so far out of their usual course, as they have gone, in endeavoring to put a plan in operation whereby the resources of British Columbia can be shown to advantage, not only to agriculturists, but to business men and capitalists looking for trade, as well as for investment and speculative opportunities.

It seems to me that it is a matter your provincial government should assist in, to what extent of course is for them to determine. If the cost of the building is divided up, as it should be, amongst your principal mill owners, a very small additional grant from the provincial government would place the matter on a sound basis.

I trust therefore you will do everything in your power to help the scheme along, and you may rely upon our hearty co-operation, or even if you consider it advisable or necessary, I would be prepared to go over to the Coast and take the matter up personally with such gentlemen as you might consider it would be to our mutual interests to approach.

I might probably explain that the idea is to have the building somewhere about 50x80, to use one side of it entirely for mineral exhibit, and the other side for display from the different experimental farms controlled by the Dominion government, or in other words, to have a practical demonstration of the products of Western Canada centred in one attractive building.

Yours truly,

F. W. HEUBACH,
General Manager.

Mr. Heubach had met the lumbermen's association at Vancouver and received every assurance of assistance from them. They had decided to go ahead and supply the lumber for the permanent building but thought the provincial government should assist to some extent. They had asked him to interview the different boards of trade and have resolutions endorsing the plan passed.

Mr. Heubach explained that the Winnipeg fair, which is now an established institution in the Prairie Province, is conducted solely for the benefit of the country at large. The members, with the exception of the secretary and manager, who of course receive salaries, do the work gratuitously. He therefore pointed out a weak point in the exhibition had been the lack of an adequate exhibit from the Far West. He had always thought they should have an exhibit, but since coming to British Columbia he was more than ever convinced of it. He was certain that if the board of trade passed a resolution of endorsement, that that would settle the matter. (Applause.)

Mr. McCandless, who had been called to the chair, Mr. McQuade requiring to leave the meeting, mentioned that he was sure, pleased to hear from Mr. Heubach. The matter would surely receive the earnest consideration of the board and no doubt resolutions endorsing the project would be passed.

Mr. Heubach explained there was reason why early action in the matter should be taken, as the exhibition would open in July.

Chairman McCandless suggested it would be well to refer it to the council of the board of trade with a request for immediate action.

Mr. Thomson acquiesced in this suggestion. He was sorry the rules governing the board's deliberations would not permit of action at that meeting. Mr. Thomson mentioned incidentally that he had known Mr. Heubach for twenty years and how pleased he was to meet him on that occasion.

Mr. Thomson made a motion in accordance with the chairman's suggestion. This was seconded by Mr. Lugin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lugin asked if the proposed British Columbia building is to be permanent?

Mr. Heubach replied that it was the intention of the management to make it a permanent feature of the exhibition each year. In his opinion it would be a great advertisement for the province. The attendance at the fair was growing annually, great crowds coming from the United States. The idea was to industrialize each province. The British Columbia building would be absolutely permanent and used for no other purpose.

Mr. Leiser suggested that there should be a special meeting of the council at an early date so as to take the matter up. The board then adjourned.

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Ex-Governor Mackintosh on Eight-Hour Feature of the Martin Combination.

Mine Owners and Workmen Should Have Liberty of Friendly Arrangement.

From Rossland Miner, March 16.

Editor Miner:—It doubtless surprised many to learn from various newspapers at a distance, that Rossland was virtually under martial law; that scores of special constables guarded particular precincts, and that the attorney-general of the province, moved by tender solicitude for citizens or specials or both, had been forced to reprove His Worship the Mayor, and to ask for the name of the vicious magistrate who took upon himself the awful responsibility of suspending the civil liberties of the people. This play might be humorous were it not for the issues involved, so far as the mining interests of British Columbia are concerned. The idea of an attorney-general accepting one-sided testimony, and upon this, presuming to dictate to a constitutionally governed community, was quite sufficient proof that some one wanted to make a political party out of a dire blow was directed at a particular district. We know that upheavals of every description are too often the opportunity for politicians; but there are periods in the progress of provinces, as well as nations, when he who attempts to utilize the tribulation of a community in order to advance his private interests, is guilty of treachery to the dearest safeguards of the commonwealth. All thinking men, all who realize their responsibilities, must be pained by the spectacle of robust assemblages of miners, grouped at every corner of Columbia avenue; all honest men must deplore the situation. So the laborer with his party, but the fact that they secured municipal properties, it is to be feared that their capital has so far paid very small dividends. The mine workers reaped the benefit of expenditures, while at the same time merchants, tradesmen, dealers in every line of commerce, hoping to make some profit, ventured their all only to find competition so active that the general public derived material benefit in being able to buy in a cheap and well-stocked market. Here again the mine worker, while receiving remunerative wages, was not forced to pay extravagant prices. The merchant feels the depression to-day, and realizes how important it is to him and to all branches of business that the conflict between the mine owner and the mine worker be amicably adjusted. How is this to be accomplished? Not by abuse, not by acrimony, not by mutual distrust. Both sides must be willing to give and take; both be reasonable and forbearing. Mr. Martin's minister of mines may come and go; Mr. Martin may scribble "Referendum" until he is black in the face; the gulf will widen if the present opportunity for arriving at an understanding is treated cavalierly. If the mine owners feel like being obdurate, they err very much indeed, and if the better thinking mine workers permit malign counsel to influence them, they will have themselves to blame.

I have talked with many old mine workers, many of whom contend that they would prefer the ten-hour system, and at the same time prefer toiling below rather than above ground. They complain that in every properly worked mine the men go on at 7 o'clock, have an hour at noon, leaving their work at 20 minutes before noon, returning at 1 p.m., being allowed the time occupied in reaching their work, each shift suspending work for one hour in order that smoke from powder may be got rid of and pure air introduced into the mine. On the other hand, they claim that there is certainly great loss of time during eight hours in a big mine where immense quantities of powder are used, and the air dense and impure, while, added to this, it is an unwritten law that men only work eight hours where the bottom of the shafts are damp or at times partially flooded. Here, then, is certainly an issue that might be considered, as it proves that the mine owner cannot, in estimating loss under the eight-hour law, include the above as charges against production. Then comes the question of contract labor. Naturally enough a good miner can make more money by contracting than by day labor; but to accomplish this he must enjoy the very best skilled industry, for a miner who does not understand his business will destroy more drills and machinery than a contract can stand. The Rossland mine comprises huge lumps of hard rock; the danger is not great, for there is little rock broken, and few masses to jeopardize life by falling, and once the machines are up, the air or steam being turned on, the machinery practically does its own work. On the other hand, contract labor, say, for instance, throughout the Slovan country, to make a rough estimate, would require the use of powder, but on the other hand, constant timbering is requisite in order to protect the workmen from the falling debris consequent upon loosening masses of soft rock. A score of other difficulties present themselves, so far as the system of contracting is concerned, each district presenting peculiarities. The question is complex, but many more serious than this have been settled by a mutual desire to maintain harmony. This will not be accomplished by more political interference, as whichever policy prevails will leave its heartburning, its grievances, its sores. The eight-hour law need not be repealed, but an understanding could be arrived at, expunging fines and compulsory hours, and protecting miners, who desire to make the contracts, from any interference upon the part of those who object to such being entered into or prosecuted. At all events, it does seem strange that the mine owners should be kept at arm's length, or the miners, anxious to work, be forced to remain idle. I have no interest in mine working. I am neither a mine worker nor a mine owner in Rossland or Slovan or the Boundary. I speak for myself alone, and appeal to both parties interested, to exercise a modicum of reasonable judgment in a crisis to be deplored by all who have the welfare of British Columbia at heart.

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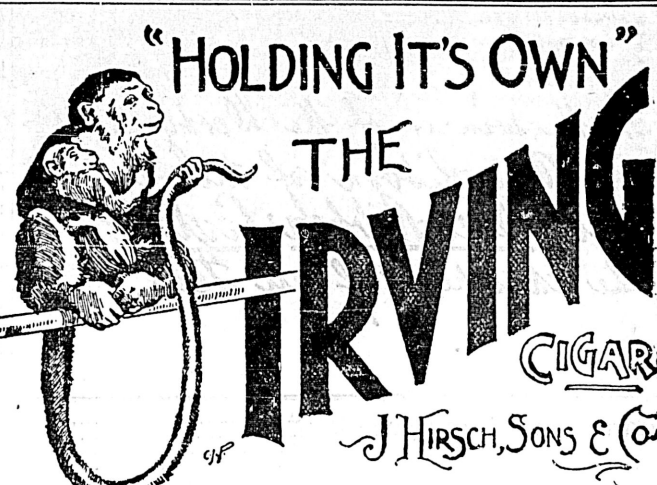
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should be the last to lay his back against a company's bank account and issue the ultimatum "Work or starve or find employment elsewhere;" that the mine worker should think seriously ere committing himself to a hard and fast policy of "The eight-hour law or nothing; no concession, no sacrifice, no compromise." Each should pause before it is too late and be willing to make a sacrifice and each be willing to act reasonably. One of the greatest industries in the province is undoubtedly for the time being jeopardized, and why? Simply because a few politicians at a caucus privately agreed upon certain legislation, and were put to deliver the goods according to contract; that certain legislation was put through at telegraphic speed. Unfortunately this was subsequent to immense sums of money being invested in British Columbia; not millions but tens of millions, and only when various investing companies compared their monthly time expenditures with work accomplished during the corresponding months of the previous year was it alleged that under the eight-hour law the greater portion of what should have been profits entirely disappeared. This was aggravating, sure enough, but doubly so, when found out by many above ground were receiving salaries for creating dissatisfaction amongst those working below, and that to foreign interference was traceable much of the discontent and unrest so gravely prejudicial to mining interests in various sections of the province. The legislature was appealed to without effect and finally many mines were virtually closed, with the result that hundreds of able-bodied men were forced to seek other fields of operation. It had been said that these men would not respect law and order; that they were intent upon creating public disturbance; in their praise it is said that not the remotest symptom of rowdiness was observable; no strikes, no political or provincial violence was violated, furnishing convincing testimony that had all classes of miners been properly approached some reasonable solution of the problem might have been arrived at. True, all the mine owners asked might not have been conceded, nor all the mine workers demanded been agreed to; still a broad and effective concourse, comprising not only the various parties but disinterested and conditors might possibly have restored harmony. At all events, I have yet to know that this was done, and am only hopeful that it may yet be accomplished. Personally I feel a great deal of responsibility, having been instrumental in inducing investors to favor British Columbia. Despite the fact that they secured municipal properties, it is to be feared that their capital has so far paid very small dividends. The mine workers reaped the benefit of expenditures, while at the same time merchants, tradesmen, dealers in every line of commerce, hoping to make some profit, ventured their all only to find competition so active that the general public derived material benefit in being able to buy in a cheap and well-stocked market. Here again the mine worker, while receiving remunerative wages, was not forced to pay extravagant prices. The merchant feels the depression to-day, and realizes how important it is to him and to all branches of business that the conflict between the mine owner and the mine worker be amicably adjusted. How is this to be accomplished? Not by abuse, not by acrimony, not by mutual distrust. Both sides must be willing to give and take; both be reasonable and forbearing. Mr. Martin's minister of mines may come and go; Mr. Martin may scribble "Referendum" until he is black in the face; the gulf will widen if the present opportunity for arriving at an understanding is treated cavalierly. If the mine owners feel like being obdurate, they err very much indeed, and if the better thinking mine workers permit malign counsel to influence them, they will have themselves to blame.

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